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SENN-BILFINGER, et al.

Serial No. 10/826,337

Examiner: RAHMANI, N.

Filed: April 19, 2004

Group Art Unit: 1625

Title: PRODRUGS OF IMIDAZOPYRIDINE DERIVATIVES

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

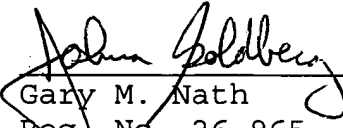
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- (2) Response and Amendment;
- (3) Appendix A; and
- (4) Copy of PCT Form IB/304.

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated January 13, 2006. The three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire April 13, 2006. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed within the period for reply set by the Examiner.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and add new claims 15-30 as outlined in Appendix A, attached herewith.